

Message

From: James Bates [jbates@jbateslaw.com]
Sent: 8/20/2019 3:51:14 PM
To: Castellana, Ben [castellana.ben@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: 216 W Slauson - red tag report

Ben,

Thank you.

I have no problem with you distributing the attached notice to Mr. Lebow and Mr. Bowyer.

I know that Mr. Bowyer was conducted additional testing on July 17, 2019 or thereabouts to determine whether the depth of any contamination on the Property. I have requested that he provide me with the results of the test. I believe the the results of the test will determine the method necessary for the demolition of the structure on 216 Slauson.

Jim Bates

On Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 8:41 AM Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Bates,

Below and attached are the response to my inquiry from the LA Building and Safety Code Enforcement Bureau. I would like to distribute these to Mr. Lebow and the Devore party in the hopes that it will assist with getting their insurance company to act on the damaged residence at 216. Do you have any concerns that I should know about before acting?

Thank you,

Ben Castellana Ph.D.
On-Scene Coordinator
US EPA Region 9
Superfund Emergency Response
(562) 305-0694

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mel Khachatourian <mel.khachatourian@lacity.org>
Date: August 20, 2019 at 7:08:07 AM PDT
To: castellana.ben@epa.gov, Sam Portillo <sam.portillo@lacity.org>, Bruce Todd <bruce.todd@lacity.org>, Hector Rodriguez <hector.rodriguez@lacity.org>
Cc: Mario Cuevas <mario.cuevas@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: 216 W Slauson - red tag report

Good morning Mr. Castellana,

Please find the attached issued order that addresses the site condition.
Also, please contact the registered owner of the property to obtain a demolition permit form LADBS plan check office if that serves the best interest in reference to your inquiry.

Thank you,

Mel S. Khachatourian
Ladbs BMI Inspector
Code Enforcement/South
4301 S. Central Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90011
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Email : mel.khachatourian@lacity.org

On Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 8:07 AM Sam Portillo <sam.portillo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Bruce Todd** <bruce.todd@lacity.org>
Date: Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 7:56 AM
Subject: Fwd: 216 W Slauson - red tag report
To: Portillo, Sam <sam.portillo@lacity.org>

FYI please respond to them, .Thanks

Principal Inspector Bruce Todd
Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety
Code Enforcement Bureau
1968 W Adams Blvd Suite G-16
Los Angeles, CA 90018
(213)978-4502

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From: **Hector Rodriguez** <hector.rodriguez@lacity.org>
Date: Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 11:12 AM
Subject: Fwd: 216 W Slauson - red tag report
To: Bruce Todd <bruce.todd@lacity.org>

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From: **Castellana, Ben** <castellana.ben@epa.gov>
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2019 at 7:54 AM
Subject: 216 W Slauson - red tag report
To: hector.rodriguez@lacity.org <hector.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Hi Mr. Rodriguez,

I'm the Federal On-Scene Coordinator overseeing the cleanup of the tanker explosion and gasoline release that caused a fire at a residential structure at 216 W Slauson Ave in Los Angeles. The structure is red-tagged by your department, and I need a formal report from your office to assist with getting the structure demolished.

To add to our issues, there are homeless people breaking into the house, creating a nuisance and a greater threat of fire or explosion due to the presence of gasoline vapors at the site.

Can you help and or direct me to an individual who can provide the report? This is a time-critical situation, so I appreciate any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Ben Castellana Ph.D.
On-Scene Coordinator
US EPA Region 9
Superfund Emergency Response
(562) 305-0694

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Thank You,

Hector Rodriguez
BMI Inspector
LADBS/CEB
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